THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 4th April 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Census of the population.

* 39 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that census will be taken shortly;

(*b*) if so, when the enumeration is to be started;

(*c*) whether any instructions have been issued as to the method of taking census; and

(*d*) whether the census of Andhras will be taken separately?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister):—" (*a*) A census of the population of India will be taken during the year 1951.

" (*b*) The Government of India have notified that the reference date for the census will be sunrise on the 1st March 1951. The enumeration will begin twenty days earlier to this date, i.e., from the 9th February 1951.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative. The instruction will be finalised shortly by the Registrar-General, Government of India.

" (*d*) In the census questionnaire, there are two questions, one relating to the mother tongue of the individual enumerated and the other to any Indian language spoken by the individual other than his or her mother-tongue. The census will cover every man, woman and child throughout India, irrespective of regional or linguistic considerations, and there will be no separate census of persons belonging, or claiming to belong, to any linguistic group or region."

Cattle-breeding farms in the State.

* 40 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government cattle-breeding farms in the State and the places where they are situated; and

(*b*) whether they are run at a loss or profit?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) Seven, Sir.

" They are stationed at—

(i) Hosur, Salem district.